

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated May 14, 2008 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 1, 2, 5-8, 15-18, 20 and 21 are pending in this application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 2, 5-8, 15-18, 20 and 21 are requested based upon the following remarks.

In the Office Action, claims 1, 2, 5-8, 15-18, 20, and 21 are rejected on the ground of non-statutory double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-9 of U.S. Patent No. 6,788,280. Claims 1, 2, 5-8, 15-18, 20, and 21 are rejected on the ground of non-statutory double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-16 of U.S. Patent No. 7,161,575. Applicants respectfully submit the claims of the present application are not obvious. However, for the purpose of expediting the prosecution of this application, Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome the rejections.

Applicants believe the above remarks place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911.

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Respectfully submitted,

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